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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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FROM ROCAP

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SUBJ: GSP/SCCN

REFS: (A) STATE 254698; (B) GUATEMALA 5419

1. FORTUITOUSLY, SIECA ENQUIRED OCT 28 ABOUT STATUS OF US GSP LIST AND ALSO ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT SCCN MTG. WE ADVISED THEM AS AUTHORIZED IN PARA 10 REF (A) AND ASKED WHAT SIECA AND CA'S HAD DONE.

2. IN ANSWER, SIECA OFFICIAL SAID THAT SIECA, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR PRESENTATION OF "OBJECTIONS LIST" (REF B) HAD ALERTED ALL CA'S. SUBSEQUENTLY SIECA HAD PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CA'S AN ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF THE "OBJECTIONS LIST" WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ORIGINAL GSP LIST. THIS INCLUDED AN ESTIMATE OF THE POTENTIAL COST TO C.A. OF "EROSIONS" FROM THE
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PRESIDENT'S ORIGINAL LIST IF THE ITEMS ON THE "OBJECTIONS

LIST" WERE, IN FACT, ELIMINATED IN THE FINAL PRODUCT LIST.

3. THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT SIECA HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CA GOVERNMENTS AND DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THE CA'S HAD MADE DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE U.S. WE SAID WE DIDN'T KNOW EITHER. (NOTE: HOWEVER, WE NOTE FROM PARA 3 REF A THAT NO RPT NO C.A. REP SPOKE AT THE SCCN MEETING).

4. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SIECA SEC/GEN ROBERTO MAYORGA, IN A PRESS STATEMENT OCT 17 DECLARED THAT CENTRAL AMERICA'S FOREIGN TRADE VOLUME WAS THE THIRD MOST IMPORTANT IN LA. THIS FACT, HE POINTED OUT, GAVE CENTRAL AMERICA GREAT POTENTIAL NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE. MAYORGA URGED THE CA GVTS TO JOIN FORCES IN ATTACKING BARRIERS TO THEIR EXPORTS AND IN SEEKING MAXIMUM GSP BENEFITS. HE NOTED THAT TRADE CONCESSIONS TO CA HAD THUS FAR CENTERED ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, WHILE VERY LITTLE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE REGION'S INCOME. HARRISON.

ALSO PASSED INFO USAID/GUATEMALA.
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